



The Sixth Form

at Harrogate Grammar School

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Dear Student and Parent/Carer

Year 11 Sixth Form Induction Period

This letter provides information about our Sixth Form induction period. This is an extended induction programme that we have developed in light of the pandemic, providing students with additional time in school. Below are the details about the bridging materials, individual subject sessions, and the formal Induction Day, all of which will help to prepare students for September.

Bridging materials

Bridging materials have been developed by our subject teachers to give students a valuable insight into courses that will be studied, and to help students make a smooth transition to the more in-depth level of study required in the Sixth Form. Students are expected to complete all tasks for their first lessons in September.

These bridging materials will be formally launched with students in the week after half term. The subject session in this week will focus on setting these tasks, and the subsequent sessions provide students with an opportunity to ask any questions about the work. The work will be accessible via the school website, and students will be sent the link on Monday 7 June.

Subject sessions

Students will attend a range of subject sessions over a three-week period after half term. These sessions have been assigned to students to balance the number of participants in each session; individual timetables will be emailed to students. Students should read their timetable carefully to ensure that they arrive in good time for each session. On arrival, students should enter through the Sixth Form reception, where they will be directed to the relevant room.

Overview

Week commencing 7 June	Monday 08.50 – 10.50	An introduction to the Sixth Form Students will be introduced to the Sixth Form Team, learn about the HGS Sixth Form mind set, and find out how to access the bridging materials, an online study skills course, and virtual work experience opportunities.
	Tuesday – Thursday	Individual subject focus Students attend one individual session for each of their chosen Sixth Form subjects. The sessions will focus on bridging work set by each subject area which introduces students to new concepts and ideas to help them to transition from GCSE to A Level courses.

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	Friday	<p>Individual choice</p> <p>Students can engage with one of the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports in school: 13.45-15.30. Book via this form: • Virtual work experience at home • Independent work on the bridging materials at home
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Week commencing 14 June	Monday 09.00 – 10.50	<p>Subject support</p> <p>Students have the option of coming in to school to receive support with their bridging materials. Members of the Sixth Form Team will be on hand to offer advice. Students also have the opportunity to come in to speak to a member of the Sixth Form Team if they have any questions regarding their coursing and progression.</p>
	Tuesday – Thursday	<p>Subject masterclasses</p> <p>Students attend one individual masterclass for each of their chosen Sixth Form subjects. The sessions will focus on a big idea or contemporary theme related to the subject area. Students should refer to their timetable for these sessions.</p>
	Friday	<p>Individual choice</p> <p>Students can engage with one of the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports in school: 13.45-15.30. Book via this form: • Virtual work experience at home • Independent work on the bridging materials at home

Week commencing 21 June	Monday 09.00 – 10.50	<p>Subject support</p> <p>Students have the option of coming in to school to receive support with their bridging materials. Members of the Sixth Form Team will be on hand to offer advice. Students also have the opportunity to come in to speak to a member of the Sixth Form Team if they have any questions regarding their coursing and progression.</p>
	Tuesday – Thursday	<p>Subject masterclasses</p> <p>Students attend one individual masterclass for each of their chosen Sixth Form subjects. The sessions will focus on a big idea or contemporary theme related to the subject area. Students should refer to their timetable for these sessions.</p>
	Friday 08.45 – 15.30	<p>Full Induction Day</p>

Refreshments can be purchased from G2 in the Sixth Form throughout the day during this three-week period. This can be purchased using the normal PIN method that students are already familiar with. Students who need to wait for a school bus can do so in G2.

Induction Day

The formal Sixth Form Induction Day will take place on Friday 25 June. On this day students will be given detailed information about the Sixth Form, meet subject teachers and fellow students whilst attending lessons in their chosen subjects. Information will also be given about support and guidance following Results Day.

Timetable

08.45	Arrive through Sixth Form Reception
08.50 – 09.15	Welcome and introductions in The Forum
09.15 – 09.55	Tutor session
09.55 – 15.30	Subject lessons (break and lunch at normal school times)

Students will be given their individual timetable for the day on arrival.

A complimentary lunch will be provided in G2 and The Forum. At other times, G2 will be open for you to purchase food. This can be purchased using the normal PIN method that students are already familiar with.

For both the subject sessions and the Induction Day, we expect all students to dress smartly. While we do not require students to wear formal business dress for the induction, as they will in September, we do expect students to dress appropriately for learning, with no jeans or trainers. Students should bring a pencil case, iPad and paper with them.

Students are required to wear face coverings when entering school and leaving the building as well as during transition between lessons and to and from year group communal spaces at break and lunch.

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to the Sixth Form. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via: sixthform@harrogategrammar.co.uk.

Yours sincerely



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Director of Sixth Form